

WALTER M. KULASH

Dr. Walter M. Kulash, Research Professor of Entomology at North Carolina State College, died at the age of 48, in Raleigh, on September 18, 1960.



Dr. Kulash was born in Haydenville, Mass., on January 8, 1912. He entered the Massachusetts State University, and took his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. at that institution, finishing in 1942. He joined the staff at N. C. State College the same year and remained there until his death.

Because of his deep interest in both people and insects, it would be difficult to say whether his main contributions were in teaching or research, but both were respectable. He had been teaching courses in Applied Entomology and Forest Entomology in the years preceding his death. His research papers, more than seventy, are indicative of a wide variety of interests—corn insects, tobacco insects, cotton insects, forage insects, insects of stored products, soil insects, and others. Recently, his interests had narrowed considerably and he had begun to intensify his efforts on the biology of elaterids, and his interest in these extended enthusiastically to the taxonomy of the groups he worked with in the field—efforts which he would not live to carry to maturity.

He was a former president of the N. C. State College chapter of the American Association of University Professors, a former secretary of the Zoological Section of the N. C. Academy of Sciences, and a former president of the N. C. Entomological Society. He was a member of the Coleopterists' Society, the Entomological Society of America, the Society of Systematic Zoology, and the Society of Sigma Xi.

Dr. Kulash attended the International Congress of Entomology at Montreal, in 1956, and at Vienna in 1960, where he presented two papers. During the latter trip, he visited entomologists and institutions in England, France, Belgium, Austria, and Poland. He visited Colombia as a consultant in 1956.

Dr. Kulash was keenly intellectually curious. In addition to his accomplishments in Entomology, he was well versed in philosophy and languages. These qualities were well-tempered with a lively, ever-present sense of humor which never gave personal offense. His presence was a welcome asset to any gathering of people. His passing was a grievous loss to his professional colleagues at N. C. State College, his students and former students, and to friends in all walks of life in North Carolina and in other places where he was known.

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